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Mr. Richard C. Patterson, Jr., Commissioner  
Department of Commerce and Public Events  
The City of New York  
625 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your letter of 8 March inviting me to the luncheon that Mayor Wagner is giving for Secretary Hodges on 14 April.

Much as I would like to attend, I am planning to be away on a brief trip on that date and, therefore, must regretfully decline your kind invitation. However, your thoughtfulness in asking me to join you on this particular occasion is indeed appreciated.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Allen Dulles

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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